

Bill No. 830

I am a concerned Connecticut citizen who has chosen to heat my home with a renewable heating source. I have been heating my home with wood for the last 40 years with various wood stoves in my basement. I use only 2 yr old wood which makes minimal smoke and I installed an outdoor wood-burning furnace to eliminate the safety concerns of having a stove in the house.

Another reason I choose to heat with wood and use the outdoor furnace is the fact that the price of heating oil, natural gas and LPG is increasing every year, and heating with wood is an economic option. Wood is renewable and plentiful in Connecticut, and I feel it is very important for us to become independent from foreign oil.

Using an outdoor wood furnace eliminates fire and carbon monoxide risks that come with indoor heating systems. There is no net increase in global warming gas emissions when heating with wood as there is with oil and natural gas.

I lawfully purchased my outdoor wood furnace, I complied with all regulations, and I properly and safely use it to heat my home, and I should be able to continue to use this heating source in compliance with the regulations.

I strongly urge all lawmakers to oppose Bill No. 830.

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